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# **PHS Holds** Virtual Graduation, With In-Person **Ceremonies To Come**



Class of 2020 Valedictorian Rebecca Stallard addresses her classmates during a virtual ceremony broadcast last month. In-person graduations will be held at the high school beginning on July 13.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

"On behalf of the Board of Education of the Pennsauken School District, I certify that these seniors have met all of the requirements set forth by the Pennsauken School District and the State of New Jersey. By the power invested in me, I hereby declare the Class of 2020 to be graduates of Pennsauken High School with all the honor and entitlement this bears."

Normally, these words spoken by Pennsauken Board of Education Member Maria James would be in front of scores of family and friends, ready to cheer on this year's graduates. But because of the coronavirus pandemic, this was done "virtually" in a pre-recorded ceremony which precedes a series of in-person graduations held later this month.

"The Class of 2020 will always be remembered in Pennsauken. From what started as your last journey in the high continued on page 23

# No Increase In Municipal Taxes For Eighth Straight Year

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

When Pennsauken residents look at their property tax bill, which is based on the assessed value of their home, they see it's broken down into several sections. Property taxes are used to pay for county services, school funding, trash and recycling collection, as well as municipal operations. These last two: trash and recycling collection and municipal services, are the responsibility of the Township's local government; and for the eighth year in a row. Pennsauken's administration and Township Committee have maintained a fiscally responsible budget, without having to increase their portion of property taxes. Pennsauken's 2020 budget, which is awaiting approval by the State of New Jersey, is remaining flat with a zero increase. This means that when it comes to municipal services, trash and recycling collection, and



Pennsauken Township has ensured that the municipal portion of residents' property tax bill remains flat again this year.

the budget of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, residents will be paying the exact same amount they did in 2019: \$1.14 per \$100 of their property's assessed value.

"I applaud the work of our administrator and chief financial officer, both of whom put in significant work on our budget, enabling Township Committee to keep the municipal tax rate flat for another year," said Pennsauken Mayor Tim

Killion, "Now more than ever, we have to be fiscally accountable to our residents."

Pennsauken Township faces significant challenges every year to balance the municipal budget, but no more so than this year with the outbreak of the coronavirus. As of June 18, New Jersey's unemployment rate was at 15.2 percent; and countless businesses have shuttered for good.

"After everything that's happened due to COVID-19, Township Committee could not in good conscience put an undue financial burden on our residents," explained Killion. "A lot of people are experiencing hardships; raising our portion of the taxes, even a little, would do more harm than good right now."

Even with the current financial constraints, Pennsauken's municipal government has made commitments to hire up continued on page 27

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# Pennsauken Takes Stand Against Racism With March And Vigil

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

In the wake of the senseless death of George Floyd, the Pennsauken community came together to take a stand against racism. On June 10, hundreds gathered in the parking lot of the World Harvest Christian Center for the 'Sauken In Solidarity/Black Lives Matter march and vigil. The event was organized by four students from Pennsauken High School, Aigner Settles, Ciara Carver, Keturah Jones, and Angela Nguyen, as well as residents Jenny Bello and Jazmin Bello-Andeliz, who reached out to both the Township's administration and the Pennsauken Police Sauken In Solidar #BlackLivesMatter

Pennsauken community came together to take a stand against racism during last month's 'Sauken In Solidarity/Black Lives Matter march and vigil.

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# Phase II Of New Jersey's Reopening Continues At Cautious Pace

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

New Jersey officially entered Phase II of the "Road Back" last month, and restrictions continue to loosen in Pennsauken. On July 2, the Township's playgrounds reopened, much to the delight of families. Indoor dining was supposed to resume as well, but Governor Mur-

phy postponed the order, due to spikes in other states, as well as the behavior of some New Jersev establishments.

"While we reopen our community, we also potentially put ourselves more at risk for exposure. No one wants to think about what would happen if there's a second wave of the coronavirus outbreak," says Pennsauken Mayor Tim Killion. "Recently, you might have noticed that other states have record setting increased numbers due to a lackadaisical attitude toward the virus and wearing masks. We've had 671 cases of coronavirus and 17 COVID-19 related deaths. By keeping up with mask wearing, social distancing, and hand washing, we can halt the progress of the virus."

### Guidance Provided For School Reopenings

On June 26. Governor Murphy announced the guidance for New Jersey's public schools for their reopening in September. Based on what was provided by the state, school reopenings must prioritize social distancing within the classroom; mandatory face coverings for school staff and visitors, as well as for students when social distancing cannot be maintained, unless doing so would inhibit the health of the individual; limited capacity in school to help facilitate social distancing practices; and procedures for the sanitization of school buildings and school buses.

During an interview last month on 6 ABC. Pennsauken School Superintendent Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi stated that the District will adopt an A-B split schedule for September. Half the students will attend school on "A days," the other half on "B days." Remote learning will occur when the students are not physically in school. In addition, the school system has upgraded cleaning supplies and purchased masks, as well as face shields, for both staff and students. The District will be providing more details on procedures in the coming weeks.

### **Community Resources**

Pennsauken Township puts out regular updates on the coronavirus outbreak throughout the week via its website. twp.pennsauken.nj.us; Pennsauken Television, Channel 19 on Comcast and Channel 21 on Fios; and its social media channels: Facebook.com/Pennsauken-Twp and @pennsaukentwp for both Twitter and Instagram.

Residents with questions or concerns related to the coronavirus can call a free, 24-hour public hotline at 2-1-1 or (800) 962-1253, where trained professionals are standing by to answer questions. New Jersey residents can now also text NJ-COVID to 898-211 to receive text information and stay informed. To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211. More information is also available on the state's coronavirus-dedicated website at https://covid19.nj.gov/.

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By Tim Killion, Mayor of Pennsauken Township

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wetcome to this lovely tiree betaroom two story Cotolina in Oaklyn, close to Newton Lake and Collingswood border! This beautiful home includes newer bath, open floor plan eat in kitchen, windows and hot water heater. Additional features include a spacious office/den on the first floor, large living and dining rooms, large basement with washer and dryer, newer 150 Amp electric (2017), patio with awning, onecar detached garage and so much more. Make your appointment today and Enjoy Oaklyn! \$192,500



Mount Laure - Laurel Creek

Welcome to this great Townhome located in beautiful Laurel Creek. This Home Features a formal L/R & D/R which are great for entertaining. There is also a breakfast room off the kitchen and a bright, spacious Family room with fireplace and sliders leading to a nice size semi-private yard. There are three great size bedrooms with ample closet space. The main bedroom features a walk-in closet, full bath with shower and soaking tub. \$239,999



Pennsauken – Cape Cod

Beautifully Remodeled; 4 Bedrooms; Family Room; 2 Full Baths. This home is an expanded Cape Cod with large a Family Room. This home is truly a great value. It has so much to offer; Close to major roads for easy commute. \$154.900



Pennsauken - Bloomfield

This is a beautiful three bedroom home which has been lovingly maintained. There have been many updates over the years including a new Roof (2014) and a new hot water heater (2016). Move right in and enjoy this home. This property boasts a beautiful deck on the back with portico for lounging and enjoying your morning coffee. \$167,990



**Pennsauken – Split Level** This home features L/R and Dining area with attractive wain-

inis nome leatures by and billing area with autacute wainscotting and vaulted ceiling. Upgraded kitchen includes a double sink with, dish washer, and refrigerator. The family room on the lower level with a 4th bedroom, playroom or office. All of the bedrooms are refinished and have ceiling fans. Large side porch off the family room. Large fenced in yard with 2 storage sheds and patio area. The property backs to a PSE&G utility easement which gives the open space feel, which is partially fenced in for more usable space. Gas heat and gas hot water heater. 2 Car driveway and much more. Don't wait call for you tour today. \$225,000



West Berlin - Welcome Home!

Beautiful ready to move in home in West Berlin on almost an acre. Fully fenced in back yard with amazing patio. Lower level includes fover, great room with fireplace, laundry room and full bath. Open concept on main level with beautiful bay window and real hardwood floors, Ritchen has ceramic tile stainless steel appliances. Upstairs is a beautiful bathroom with double sinks and three bedrooms all with hardwood floors, 2 zone HVAC, tankless water heater and a paved large crawlspace with indoor access for extra storage. Water filtration system throughout. Must see to appreciate how amazing this home is. \$229,500



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### WAGSWORLD Taking A Freedom Ride On The Fourth Of July

By Bob Wagner, AAP Columnist

I've been locked up long enough! My cars have been spiffed up during the down time, and yearn to show off. Since you all can't come to me, and all my car nut friends, I've developed a plan! On the Fourth of July, around mid morning, I'm taking to the streets. A few like minded (or whatever passes for a mind, with car nuts) aficionados will be driving through town in our cars and trucks. beeping horns and showing off.

The bride is already berating me about planning and organizing. Anyone who knows me is sure there will not be much of the above. The car guys and gals will meet somewhere. Then we will drive

somewhere. All I can say to you who will be watching for the unofficial parade is.... listen, look, and come out to the curb and clap.

I hope to see a bunch of old friends as I beep around town. I'm sure that the times will bring folks outside for some cheers and smiles. I can promise a good showing of Volkswagens, as my buddies are all eager to get out in the sun, and this discussion has already taken place in the last few days of June.

So keep an ear open for old VW horns. And if the weather gods are on our side, we'll be coming to a street near you in Pennsauken and Merchantville.

On a somewhat related note, I have been searching for a siren from the old days. I remember having one for parade

use a long, long time ago. It had a handle that cranked, on a big boxy body, and a horn that peeked out of the box. I had hoped to bring out the great Joe Jones' Jeep. But, since the last thing on Joe's list of things to do to the Jeep was hook up the horn, it does not honk. I'm going to check with some firefighters I know, who may be able to point me in the right direction. And if any of you readers know where I can borrow one for the Fourth. I'll get permission to bring the old Willys out for a ride.

The bride just reminded me of our wedding ride to our reception, 50 years ago. We left the church in Collingswood with a huge old Dodge in front, and 12 VW Beetles behind. Along the route to the bride's house, we picked up two more VWs, who saw the parade and jumped in. They were welcomed to the party, of course.

If this happens to move a participant or two to join in, I suppose the total lack of organization and rules would allow

such. Especially if the participant has a hand cranked siren.

Since the project is most definitely "by the seat of my pants," any questions about the hows and whys of our Fourth of July Freedom from COVID-19 ride should be directed to poor Frank Sinatra, our beloved editor. He will be overjoyed to chat with anyone about the project. Or, he'll just send you to me, and I'll try to fight out a plan.

'Till the Fourth, stay well, stay safe, and wish us old guys well.

Listen for the horn!

# **Got Cut? Barbershop Delays Opening**



Because of damage sustained during a fire in May, Got Cut? Barbershop has delayed its reopening. Their temporary location will be at The Barbers Lounge, 6708 Maple Ave., Pennsauken. For more information, call Joey at (856) 676-1951.



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# **PENNSAUKEN JULY PUBLIC MEETINGS**

July's public meetings are being held remotely via Zoom. Details on how the public can participate can be found on twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

> Township Committee July 9 and 23, 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment July 1 and 15, 7:00 p.m.

Planning Board July 7 and 28, 6:30 p.m.

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# **EDITOR'S** There's A Bear Out There!



By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Once again, we are enraptured with the appearance of a black bear roaming

the neighborhoods of South Jersey. He's certainly made the rounds; personally, I think he stopped by the Gloucester Premium Outlets to get the missus a Vera Bradley bag. Maybe he couldn't find what he was looking for at the Deptford Mall. Prior to press time, "Fuzzy Wuzzy," as I like to call him, was hanging out in Pitman. Maybe he didn't get the memo

that the Broadway Theatre's still closed.

According to National Geographic, male American black bears have a huge territory that they roam about, ranging from 15 to 80 square miles. Looking back on our social media posts, a black bear did make it as far as Moorestown in 2013. That could easily have him stopping by Pennsauken for a visit.

So what would Fuzzy do if he did hang out a bit in our Township? We've got a lot of outdoor dining right now. As black bears are pretty opportunistic eaters, maybe he'll plop down for a bite? I don't think social distancing will be an issue. He could swing by one of our parks, in hopes of finding a "pic-a-nic" basket. And for all the folks scrambling to buy backyard pools for the summer, they could just find an uninvited guest, sans towel.

It's nice to see that people still have a fascination with nature. Of course, they're still using their smartphones to capture it. You know that somebody's

going to try and take a selfie with Fuzzy Wuzzy. I just hope it's a done a lot farther than six feet away.

In the meantime, I promise, that no matter how hot it gets, I will not take my shirt off outside. Truth be told, I was born with a sweater I can never take off; don't want anyone confusing me with a baby bear. The last thing I need is to be mow-

ing my lawn, feel the sting of a tranquilizer dart, and then wake up knowing some researcher has weighed me to see how much fat I've put on since the winter and placed a radio collar around my neck to track my migratory pattern.

Hope everyone's enjoying their summer, such as it is. Have fun, stay safe out there, and keep an eye out for Mr. Wuzzy.



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# **DEATHNOTICES** Remembering Two Longtime Pennsauken Residents

John "Jack" Rudderow, of Pennsauken, passed peacefully in his sleep June 14.

Jack was beloved husband to the late Kathleen Rudderow (nee Donahue); loving father to John E.



Rudderow

Rudderow (Diane), Theresa (Terry) Rudderow, Paul Rudderow, Marie Rudderow, and David Rudderow (Kim). He was Pop Pop to 19 grandchildren and GG pop to six great-grandchildren. Beloved patriarch of the Rudderow and Donahue clans, Jack is survived by hundreds of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jack served in the U.S. Navy on the USS New Jersey during the Korean War.

Now a museum on the Camden waterfront, he enjoyed showing the ship to family and friends.

Jack was well respected in the local construction industry. He served as past president of the Building Contractors Association of South Jersey and was an arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association.

Jack was a long-time member at the Pennsauken Country Club and worked as a marshal at the course after he retired. Jack earned many tournament awards for both team and individual play.

Jack was a community volunteer for most of his life. He was instrumental in building the youth soccer program in Pennsauken, where he was a coach and board member at PYAA and past president of the South Jersey State Youth Soccer Association. In 1992, the Rudderow Cup was established to commemorate his contribution to Pennsauken soccer. In 1993, Jack was inducted into the South Jersey Soccer Hall of Fame in recognition of his service to youth soccer. He spent 30 years helping to restore and promote the Griffith Morgan House. Jack was also the recipient of the 2005 Camden County Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Medal for community service.

Jack requested a burial at sea. A small private service will be held at the Pennsauken Country Club at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Samaritan Healthcare and Hospice.

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Jack Szymanski

John "Jack" Szymanski, 69, of Pennsauken, passed away after a long illness on Monday, May 4. He was born to John "Stogie" and Susan Szymanski in 1950. Jack was a graphic artist until his retirement. In August 1969, Jack married Betty Gross of Collingswood; and together, they raised their three children. John "Jack" was born in 1970: David was born in 1971; and Katie was born in 1978. Jack is also survived by his loving sister. Kathleen; his five adoring grandchildren, Liv, Sadie, David, Andrew and Sofia: his loving daughter-in-law, Melodie Szymanski; devoted son-in-law, Brian Wittkop; and many wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws and friends.

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There is no funeral service able to be scheduled yet, but the family will advise. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly suggests donating to the following charities: United Way of Greater Philadelphia and South Jersey at www.unitedforimpact.org and the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at www.michaelifox.org/donate.

# Stepnowski Voted One Of Preston And Steve's Coolest Teachers



Congratulations to Pennsauken High School's Frank Stepnowski for being selected as one of this year's coolest teachers by WMMR's Preston and Steve Show! Thank you to "Step" and all the other teachers and educational staff in the Pennsauken School District who educate and inspire our students!

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# City Select Auto Sales Moves Back To Town, Howard Hill To Move

City Select Auto Sales, which was originally founded in 1973 in Pennsauken, has returned to town.

Vantage Real Estate Services announced last month that it brokered a sale on a 23,000 square foot property located at 5910 S. Crescent Blvd., on behalf of City Select Auto Sale's founder, Lou Pellegrini. The business is relocating from its location on Mt. Ephraim Ave. in Camden, which was sold due to eminent domain. City Select Auto Sales also has a dealership in Burlington.

"Pennsauken has welcomed City Select Auto, the dealership will become an asset to the community. They have detailed plans on the reconstruction and modernization of the current facility, which is expected to take up to five months to complete," said Ken Richardson, senior advisor for Vantage Real Estate Services.



City Select Auto Sales is moving back to Pennsauken with the purchase of a property at 5910 S. Crescent Blvd. Photo credit: Vantage Real Estate Services.

### **Howard Hill Furniture Sells Building**

Howard Hill Furniture, a familiar landmark by the Airport Circle, has sold

Soloff Realty & Development, Inc. facilitated the sale of the 20,000 square foot free standing commercial property at 7937 S. Crescent Blvd.

Information shared via social media indicated that Howard Hill will be moving into the former Woodloft Furniture location on Route 70 in Marlton. At this time, no details were provided on the new owner of the Pennsauken property or their plans for the location.

**Martin Luther** 

# **Pennsauken Municipal Court Reopens**

The Pennsauken Municipal Court has resumed normal business hours. Located at 2400 Bethel Ave., the Court is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

In compliance with Governor Murphy's order and to ensure safe social distancing, there will be a limited capacity allowed in the building and face coverings are required. There are no in-person court sessions; all eligible cases will be heard either by mail or virtually. Individuals with matters begin heard by the Court will receive notice in the mail with instructions. Please do not report for an in-person court session.

Individuals who don't feel well or have flu-like symptoms are asked to stay at home.

# **Chapel Hosts** VBS-In-A-Bag

While current events don't allow Martin Luther Chapel to host its usual week long Vacation Bible School program in July, they are offering it in a new format this summer: VBS-In-A-Bag.

Each bag contains a Bible Story Activity Pack, along with a coordinating craft, snack, and some fun bonus items. Bags will be available for pick up at Martin Luther Chapel, 4100 Terrace Ave., on Wednesday, July 8. The program is offered free of charge to the community.

To have a child participate in the VBS-In-A-Bag program, please reach out by leaving a voicemail to (856) 334-0894 or e-mailing VBSatMLC@gmail.com. Please provide the following information: name and age of each child; address; phone number; and e-mail.





grated health care facility based in Pennsauken, is offering a "Diabetic Boot Camp," designed to help those with Type II Diabetes

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The Diabetic Boot Camp focuses on identifying the underlying causes for a patient's diabetic condition. Through natural supplementation, dietary changes,

the patient works to eliminate those causes to bring better health and vitality back into Dr. Gary Knight, their lives.



"The methods used at the Diabetic Boot Camp are safe, effective, natural, and specifically developed for each individual's needs," adds Dr. Knight. "Patients receive important information on how to fight and win the battle over their weight, resist bad food cravings, and reduce their blood sugar levels, learning how to rest, relax, and restore their health to its God-given potential."

Each Diabetic Boot Camp is limited to 10 participants. To qualify, or for more information, contact Concord Wellness Institute at (856) 910-0495.

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# Community's Help Needed In Stopping Illegal Fireworks

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

While fireworks are normally associated with the Fourth of July, there are some people taking their use to the extreme. For weeks now, communities throughout South Jersey are experiencing the excessive use of fireworks late into the evening. They're coming from all over: Philly, Camden, Palmyra, Merchantville, and right here in Pennsauken. Not only are they disturbing the peace, their use is promoting dangerous behavior in our neighborhoods.

"I hear them. You hear them. The police hear them," explains Pennsauken Mayor Tim Killion. "It's terribly frustrating each night having fireworks explode over and over. It's waking up our kids



and scaring our pets. It has to stop."

The responsible use of sparklers and novelty fireworks you buy from a retail store, like Wal-Mart, or a supermarket is legal in New Jersey. The sale, possession, or use of other fireworks: Roman candles, mortars, rockets, repeaters, and the like, is 100 percent illegal. Improper use can cause serious and permanent injuries to people, as well as significant damage to property. And the penalties for getting caught with them are pretty significant. If you sell, possess, or use illegal fireworks, it's a crime in the fourth degree. If charged, individuals can pay up to \$10,000 in fines and spend up to 18 months in iail.

Pennsauken also has a noise ordinance in place. According to the Township code, prohibited noises are those that are "loud, unnecessary or unusual." Disallowed noises "create any unreasonably loud, disturbing, and unnecessary noise of such character, intensity, or duration as is detrimental to the life or health of any individual or persons within the limits of the Township of Pennsauken or is patently offensive to persons or ordinary sensibilities."

Fireworks that create loud noises can-

not be used anytime between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Fines for loud and prohibited noises can go up to \$1,250 and in extreme cases, include community service or iail time.

"As neighbors and residents, we have a social contract built on mutual respect. When that contract is broken, like what is happening each night with the fireworks, we need you to speak up and let the police know if fireworks are being used illegally," says Killion.

Pennsauken's police are working on this issue, but they can't be everywhere. They need the community's help to stop illegal fireworks as they happen.

If fireworks are being lit illegally in your neighborhood, contact the Pennsauken Township Police immediately at (856) 663-1234 and provide as many details as possible.

# **Pennsauken Takes Stand Against Racism** With March And Vigil

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Department, in order to facilitate a peaceful protest.

"These women collectively worked together for our community," said Pennsauken Mayor Tim Killion, who publicly thanked the organizers during the event. "They reinforce once again what Pennsauken Proud is all about."

Prior to the march, the crowd heard from Pastor Joshua Jackson, one of the chaplains for the Pennsauken Township Police Department. Jackson spoke about how those gathered were not taking the easy way out, but ready to do what was hard to implement real change.

"We came here tonight to acknowledge the fact that yes, there are problems and racial injustices in our country. Yes, even our state may have some issues in its borders. But not here in Pennsauken," said Jackson."We promise tonight to not be a part of the problem. But we will be part of the solution. We will call out racial injustices when we see them, whenever and wherever. We will stand united.

"What could George Floyd have done with just one more breath? You can be his breath. You can speak to those who are misunderstood, mistreated, and forgot about. It's time for us to rise to the occasion, because we can't settle for continued on page 23

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# Shining A Light On The Class Of 2020

Pennsauken High School Students Receive Well-Deserved Awards

Pennsauken High School virtually held its Senior Awards for the Class of 2020 on June 11. The parents, teachers, administrators, and members of Pennsauken's Board of Education are extremely proud of the accomplishments of these honored students.

45th Street Pub Award Nvla Nasir

**Administrators' Association** of Pennsauken Award Jessica Rojas Khoa Tran

**Advanced Spanish Award** Joshua Perdomo

**American Legion of Camden County Award** Rebecca Stallard David Nguyen

**Andrew F. Kelly Memorial Award** Carlos Ramos Candelario

**Apache Band Booster Association Award** Sarah Mireles Joan Cedano

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Christopher Moyet

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**Latino Culture Club Award** Zuliangely Tellado Torres Carlos Ramos Candelario

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Eustacia Pyne-Bailey

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Mathematics Award David Nguyen

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Science Award Oscar Tan

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Social Studies Award Rebecca Stallard Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Special Education Award Dontez Crawford

Robert "Ike" Willis Departmental Visual/Performing Arts Award Angelia Pho

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**Robert R. Nicholson Award** Oscar Tan

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Woman's Club of Merchantville Education Department Award Angela Nguyen Yazmin Santana

Woman's Club of Merchantville Literature Award Rebecca Stallard

**ZB Foundation George H. Strohm Award** Kiara Haywood-Rivera

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Angela Nguyen

# A Message To The Carson School Family

By Diane Joyce, Principal, Carson School

We did it! Thank you for your support throughout the year and especially during the pandemic. I hope you will be able to take a break that you so deserve! Here is a quote that I shared with our teachers that I would like to share with you as well:

"Be a wonderful role model because you will be the window through which many children will see their future." – Thomas McKinnon

Thank you for being such wonderful role models for our students. When faced with the challenges of remote learning, you modeled for your children how to be a problem solver; be patient; be compassionate; continue to learn new things; appreciate others; and have hope during challenges. This list could go on and on... thank you!

I look forward with hope, with commitment and with a desire to work with our Carson Community for the better good of all our stakeholders.

I wish everyone a safe summer. Please continue to talk, read, and sing to your children.

The Carson School secretaries, Ms. Velez and Ms. Boyle, as well as myself,

will continue to work throughout the summer; but for now, it will continue to be remotely. You can always reach us via email:

Mrs. Velez -

rosalia.velez@pennsauken.net (Ms. Velez is Spanish speaking)

• Mrs. Boyle - mboyle@pennsauken.net

Mrs. Joyce - djoyce@pennsauken.net
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 Carson's website via the district's website.

Take care! Please give all of your children a big smile and hug from me!

# Phifer Students Finalists In National Book Challenge

Mrs Legato, and her Special Education class at Phifer Middle School have been announced as finalists in the 2019-2020 National Book Challenge hosted by Studentreasures Publishing. For this honor, the class will receive a \$50 gift card, plus a published author certificate for each student. Each of the proud authors were recognized for their contributions to their book, "Turkey Disguise," which was published earlier this year through Studentreasures' free publishing program.

Mrs. Legato and her students created "Turkey Disguise" when they were inspired by the Thanksgiving. The proud

authors put forth their best effort, researching, writing about, and illustrating their turkey disguises before they sent their completed pages to be published.

As a finalist in the one-and-only National Book Challenge, Mrs. Legato's class book was selected from entries across the country and awarded as a top 50 book based on its originality, creative storyline, and colorful illustrations. This nationwide contest was open to more than 57,565 books that were submitted to Studentreasures for free publishing this school year.

# Delair Holds Successful Packet Drop Off



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# Class Of 2020 Picks Up Caps And Gowns



Teachers and staff cheered on the Class of 2020 as they picked up their caps and gowns for graduation!

# Intermediate School Holds End Of Year Parade



Staff at Pennsauken Intermediate School held an end of year parade in their parking lot to celebrate the hard work of their students and families! There were a lot of happy tears, as many teachers hadn't seen their students since before the start of remote learning!

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# **Pennsauken Municipal Pool Open For Summer**

Pennsauken Township is excited to announce the reopening of its Municipal Pool. Below are important details about our operations this year.

### Memberships

Registering for a pool membership is ongoing. The membership application is available on the Township's website at http://www.twp.pennsauken.nj.us/content/pennsauken-municipal-pool. Forms must be printed out and completed and submitted to the Township building by appointment only. A tent will be set up at the side of the building to conduct all pool business. To schedule a time to obtain your membership, contact Duke Martz at (856) 665-1000 x151 or e-mail

emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

New applicants must provide the following: a photo ID, current utility bill, as well as a birth certificate and report card for children.

Payment is due at the time of registration. Returning members and new applicants can pay by either cash or check (made out to Pennsauken Township).

### **Pricing**

- Adults: \$65
- Child \$60
- College Student \$45 (not to exceed the age of 23; must provide tuition receipt for Sept. and birth certificate)
- Senior Citizens \$20 (Pennsauken residents)

- Residents of Merchantville pay a flat fee of \$70 for all ages
- Pass Book (Five Passes): \$45\*
- Lost/Destroyed Replacement Tickets: \$5 each
- Stolen Ticket(s) Replacement: \$1 each (police report required)

\*Guest passes may only be purchased by members of the Municipal Pool. Members can only buy two books per season. Pool members MUST accompany their guests to the pool and be with them at the facility during their stay.

### **Summer Visitor**

A "Summer Visitor" may be added



Pennsauken's Municipal Pool is reopened for the 2020 summer season. Protocols are in place to meet or exceed the CDC's guidelines for COVID-19 precautions.







Due to the current rapidly evolving health problem (covid-19) Coronavirus, the Agency will NOT BE ACCEPTING CASH PAYMENTS until further notice. We will now only accept money orders; personal checks; or credit card payments. But, if you are able to call the company directly and process the payment, please do so.



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to any memberships with proper release form completed. Form is available at time of purchase. Your visitor must be related by marriage or blood and be living at the applicant's place of residence for the summer. The cost for adding a Summer Visitor to your pool membership is \$75.

### **Hours Of Operation**

The Municipal Pool is open from noon to 7:00 p.m. on weekdays; and from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

### **COVID-19 Precautions**

The Municipal Pool will be meeting or exceeding CDC guidelines for public pool openings. Please note the following for the 2020 membership year:

- The Municipal Pool will operate at 50 percent capacity; members will be staggered when entering and leaving the facility
- Members must wear masks while entering pool grounds
- Social distancing is required and will be strongly enforced
- Markers will be prominently displayed throughout the pool grounds so that members can maintain a distance of six feet from each other
- No toys, noodles, or flotation devices (rafts, inner tubes, etc.) are allowed at the pool
- Snack bar will be open, but in a limited capacity
- Footwear is required for using the bathroom; bathrooms will be monitored to maintain social distancing and will be disinfected regularly throughout the day
- Pool members who are not feeling well are asked to stay at home

For more information, contact Elwood Martz at (856) 665-1000 x151 or emartz@twp.pennsauken.nj.us.

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# Jan Hanson Becomes President Of New Jersey State Federation Of Women's Clubs

Jan Hanson, a longtime Pennsauken resident and member of the Woman's Club of Merchantville, became the 57th president of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC (NJSFWC).

Jan joined the Junior Woman's Club of Merchantville in 1982 and the Woman's Club of Merchantville in 1994. She served as her club's president, as well as a number of district and state board positions, before her election as the NJS-FWC president-elect. She is a member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 1973 and served as PTA president, Project Graduation chair, and PYAA girls basketball, soccer, and softball coach.



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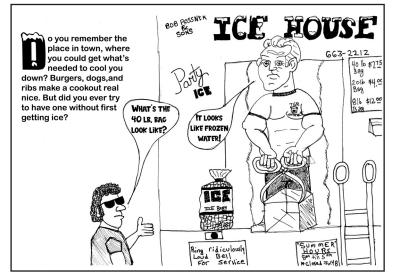
In her inaugural message sent out to the clubs, Jan told the members how proud she is of them. "Your willingness to step-up to help out during this pandemic gives me hope and makes me proud. You are amazing. You found ways to help others when your own lives were turned upside down. This is who we are and it is time to let others appreciate our contributions. It is time to 'Let Our Voices Soar.' That will be my administration's theme as we work to let others know we are a force to be reckoned with. We have the power of many and together we can change lives."

President Hanson announced that Operation Chillout, New Jersey's oldest and only – all-volunteer mobile outreach for homeless veterans, men and women, would be the 2020-2022 NJS-FWC special state project. The 2018-2020 statewide project was CASA New Jersey. Member clubs donated over \$214,000 in cash and in-kind donations to this worthwhile project.

The NJSFWC, a volunteer, community service organization, was founded in 1894. It is headquartered on the Douglass College campus in New Brunswick, the college the NJSFWC founded in 1918. In

2019, the organization, with a membership of over 6300, reported almost 21,600 community service projects involving over 498,000 volunteer hours and \$3.4 million in cash and in-kind donations. The NJS-FWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, headquartered in Washington, D.C. The GFWC is the largest and oldest women's volunteer community service organization in the world. For more information about the NJS-FWC and/or membership in a local club, visit www.njsfwc.org or call 732-249-5474.

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# Pennsauken First Responders Save A Young Child's Life

Several of Pennsauken's first responders were recently recognized by Township Committee for their exceptional performance in saving the life of a young child.

In the early evening of May 30, Pennsauken's EMS, Fire and Police were dispatched for a reported child drowning in a backyard pool. The police were the first to arrive, quickly assessed the situation, and immediately began performing CPR. Within minutes, EMTs and fire department personnel arrived and assumed treatment

of the patient. They were able to re-establish a heartbeat, but continued to provide artificial respirations, as the child was not able to breathe independently at that time.

Through a coordinated effort, the child was quickly transported to Cooper Hospital. A mere 21 minutes elapsed from the initial receipt of the emergency call, until the patient was being treated in the emergency room. As a direct result of the collective measures taken by Pennsauken's EMS, Police and Fire personnel, the prognosis

for a meaningful recovery of this young child is a reality.

Mayor Tim Killion and Township Committee presented proclamations to EMS Supervisor Samuel Bello and EMTs Stephen Miller and Alexandra Knellwolf; Battalion Chief Frank Hillman and Firefighters Montrell Haldeman and Zach Eshelman; and Officers Christopher Jones, Marco Bristow, Bob Carey, and Todd Goshler, for their life saving actions that day; and thank them for their continued exemplary service.

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# **Important Customer Information**

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewage collection system in our service area. The sanitary sewage collection system is made up of main lines, force mains and pumping stations.

The homeowner owns and therefore is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the lateral line from their dwelling up to and including the connection to the main line.

The rules and regulations of the Pennsauken Sewerage Authority require a back

flow prevention device commonly referred to as a "back check valve" be installed whenever plumbing fixtures are located below street level, such as in the basement. PSA strongly recommends all our customers have a back check valve installed to prevent contamination in the event of a main line stoppage.

The discharge of water collected in a sump pit to the sanitary sewage collection system is prohibited.

Cooking grease poured down the drain can cause a blockage of the lateral line. Please dispose of grease properly.

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If you are having a financial hardship and will be unable to pay your bill on time, or in full, please contact us at (856) 663-5542 to make payment arrangements. A simple 5-minute call could save you the inconvenience of being without water as well as the shut off fee which is currently \$75. Please do not send post dated checks to PSA without prior arrangements.

# **GRAYMATTERS** Celebrating Jersey's Very Own Homegrown Treasure

By Judith Kristen, AAP Columnist

This month I'm dedicating my column to the genuine treasure that is New Jersey's very own.

No, not Bruce Springsteen. No, not Jon Bon Jovi. No, not even – dare I say it – not even The Jersey Shore. The beautiful gems of our state are also not those storied, "Cape May Diamonds."

Our crowning glory? Drum roll, please...tomatoes!

Yes! Our beloved, most gardened, de-

licious, delectable, multi-purpose, tender and juicy envy of the world: Jersey tomatoes!

Although ideal weather and soil conditions are certainly important for that special Jersey flavoring, I personally think that there's a bit of divine intervention that also comes into play. I mean, how else can they be so heavenly?

Our tomatoes are loaded with flavor, rich in texture, and let me add "loaded with flavor" once again.

Time on the vine is obviously imperative. Better to grow your own tomatoes, since you're right here and that would allow extra special growing time that aids in making our Jerseys what Mother Nature intended them to be.

As one of my students told me, whose parents are avid gardeners, "We have 'Gangsta' tomatoes here in Jersey!"That said, I'm sure someone is going to introduce a new hybrid, and that's all it's gonna' take for the new "Gangsta" Jersey to be born.

And remember...you heard it here first. Another thing: I have learned over the years, if you're not growing your own tomatoes, buy local, if you can. And here's why.

If you think that all Jersey stores are carrying freshly-picked vine-ripened Jersey tomatoes, it might not be the case. Even though we live in The Garden State, there are still tens of thousands of tomatoes in our grocery stores, from Montague to Cape May, that are picked while still green and then they ripen during storage and shipping. Hey, it happens. They taste okay... but, you know it's just not quite the same.

But, my fellow tomato-heads, fear not. Today, most of our famous Jersey tomatoes still come vine-ripened directly from us, the local folks, the family-owned farms, large and small, who sell their Jersey Reds

at local markets that they picked straight from the vine that very morning. Bless their tomato loving hearts.

So, neighbors, rev yourself up for our favorite sandwich of summer: those tomato, mayo, salt, and pepper sandwiches.

I mean, how great is it to live in Jersey? Not only do we not have to pump our own gas, we're geographically well placed, in between Philly and New York City, and just a short drive to our beautiful Shore towns; and then, another drum roll, please, there's our world famous tomatoes.

Life is good.

Peace, love, and happy tomato-ing. ~Judy

# **SENIOR CORNER**

By Sonny DiSabato, Senior Citizen Coordinator

Hello fellow seniors.

Since the Camden County Division of Senior and Disabled Services expanded its meal delivery program in response to the coronavirus outbreak in March, more than 191,000 meals have been de-

# Camden County Delivers 191,000 Meals To Seniors During COVID-19

livered to Camden County seniors.

It's a wonderful thing that the County is doing. Seniors who are in need should definitely take advantage of this service.

The Division of Senior and Disabled Services is continuing to deliver meals to new program participants. If you or a senior you know needs meal assistance, please call (856) 374-MEAL or (856) 858-3220 to make arrangements.

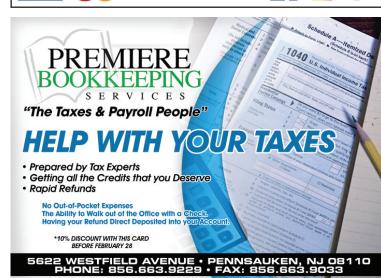
Wishing you all health and happiness, particularly in the times we live in. Please say a prayer so that we continue to flatten the curve and this virus outbreak

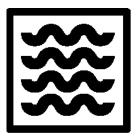


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# MPWC WATERLINES

# "A New Day, A New Way" - MPWC To Reopen To The Public

By Michael A. Saraceni, Chief Operating Officer

Since mid-March, the MPWC has maintained all essential services, along with their commitment to our customers, who have continued to rely on high quality and safe drinking water throughout the pandemic challenges.

Our commitment has also meant keeping our dedicated field and office personnel safe. This included maintaining all recommended safety protocols, social-distancing, and engineering controls to prevent the COVID-19 virus from affecting our safety and our facilities. We recognize that during this time, you have not been able to pay your water bill, or be able to conduct business with us, in person.

As we have reopened the Westfield Ave. office, you will now be able to resume doing business with us in person. We assure you that our facilities are being routinely and properly sanitized. Additionally, we are maintaining a close watch over our employees in the workplace, their health, and their adherence to social distancing requirements, including the use of personal protective equipment, workstation cleanliness, and ongoing sanitization efforts.

We understand that you are aware that we must operate differently to be safe. To that point, we ask that you be mindful that the potential spread of the COVID-19 is still a real threat. For that reason, we need all those who come to do business with us to comply with the following guidelines:

- 1. Maintain social distancing from one another (at least six
- 2. Wear a mask when entering and while conducting business
- 3. Refrain from needlessly touching surface areas where possible
- 4. Maintain cough and sneeze etiquette
- 5. If you are sick, or have potential COVID-19 symptoms, please refrain from entering the facility and contact us by

telephone to assist you

6. Extend courtesy to all by abiding by these simple guidelines

While we all learn to adjust to a new way, we must remember that the health, safety, and welfare of one another remains a top priority. So that we can maintain the health and safety of employees, customers and visitors, we will be closing the office at 3:00 p.m. each day to allow time for sanitization of the lobby and building.

On behalf of the Commissioners and staff at the MPWC, we welcome you back, we thank you for your patience and look forward to seeing you again!

# **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE** REPORT

We are pleased to report that during the past year, the water delivered to your home or business complied with or exceeded all state and federal drinking water requirements.

Our annual Consumer Confidence Report has been completed. This edition covers all testing completed from January through December 2019. We are proud to inform you that our compliance with all state and federal drinking water laws remains exemplary. As always, we are committed to delivering the best quality drinking water. We remain vigilant in meeting the challenges of source water protection, water conservation, and community education while continuing to serve the needs of all our water users.

The MPWC will no longer mail individual copies of the Consumer Confidence Report to customers, as it is available electronically, on our website, by following the link on your water bill, or visiting www.gemgrp.com/ereports/MPWC 2019CCR.pdf.

Printed copies are available in our office. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Support Center during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

# The MPWC Offices Are OPEN!

MPWC has reopened our lobby at 6751 Westfield Ave. for in-person payments and questions. Lobby hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Face coverings are required for visitors; and we ask that you please maintain social distance by following the markers on the floor.

# **ATTENTION CUSTOMERS:** The MPWC is on Facebook!

Looking for information about the water your drink... Where does it come from? How does it get to my home? Do you want to learn more about the MPWC's ongoing infrastructure projects? Confused about how to read your water meter or calculate your bill? We've been working hard to keep our Facebook page populated with answers to our customer's most common questions. To learn more about your water service provider, just visit us on the web at www.mpwc.com and from there, click the "like us on Facebook" button.

For members of the community directly affected by water main breaks, we provide messages via our Reverse 9-1-1 notification system. To stay informed of all water emergencies that may occur within our service area, visit MPWC.com/swift911 to sign up for Reverse 9-1-1!

**KEEP INFORMED WITH REVERSE 9-1-1** 

# The MPWC **Accepts Phone Payments** If you'd like to make a payment by phone, you can dial direct

to our automated system at 1 (844) 611-4016. Please have your account number and PIN available when you call. Your account number and PIN numbers can be found on your water bill. Please be aware that turnoff charges or other account adjustments will not be reflected in the online or phone payment systems until the next business day. There is a convenience fee associated with all phone and online payments; this fee is not charged by the MPWC, but by the third party processor. Convenience fees are charged as follows: credit/debit card payments are subject to a convenience fee of 2.95 percent; payments made by e-check are subject to a convenience fee of \$1.05.

Meetings of the Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission are currently being held via phone conference. For more information, visit our website, MPWC.com

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# **FOODADVENTURES** Having A Real Zing For Homemade Wings



It's easy to make tasty chicken wings at home, using a handful of ingredients.

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

For this month's article of quarantine cooking, I bring you the beloved chicken wing. Born in 1964, the chicken wing hails from the town of Buffalo, N.Y. at a little place called The Anchor Bar. The

wings were slathered in leftover hot sauce as a late-night snack for a few friends. It was so delicious that the dish caught on and each year you can expect well over a billion wings to be consumed in the United States alone. There are new takes on wings being created every day. Everything from teriyaki to Cajun to peanut butter and jelly. This month, I'm going to tell you how to make the most crisp, delicious garlic parmesan wings you've ever had.

For this recipe, you will need about 12 chicken wings, though you can use any amount you like and adjust the recipe accordingly; a little bit of flour; oil for frying; fresh minced garlic; parmesan shaker cheese; and some parsley for garnish. First, you will need to separate the wings into drums and flats and remove the tips of the wings, because they won't be needed for this recipe. This can be done by straightening the wing out, finding the joint where they meet and cutting along that area. It's best to use a sharper

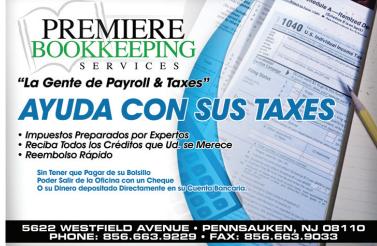
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knife; just be careful. This will leave you with 12 drumsticks and 12 flats. Once this is done, pat your chicken a little bit to dry it off and then coat it lightly with some of the flour. Place the wings in a large bowl and put in your minced garlic and parmesan cheese. I used about 4 tablespoons of garlic and a whole heap of parmesan cheese for my wings, but you can adjust this amount as you see fit. Once everything is in the bowl, add some salt and pepper and toss everything. You will want to let your wings sit for at least an hour. I left mine to marinate overnight in the fridge; if you have the time, I recommend this.

When it's time to cook your wings, you'll need to get a baking sheet and some cooking spray. Lay the wings out on a non-stick or sprayed baking sheet and place them in the oven for 25 minutes on 425. While this is cooking, get your oil heated. Remove the wings from the oven and allow them to cool for a few minutes, while your oil finishes heat-

ing. Once it's ready, take the wings, a few at a time, and begin to fry them. It will probably take about 3-4 minutes on each side, depending on how crispy you want them. The wings have cooked most of the way through in the oven, so it won't require a lot of frying for the cooking process to be complete. Once the chicken is fried to your liking, place it in a bowl lined with paper towels; add some more cheese and other seasonings if you'd like; and sprinkle some chopped parsley over top. At this point, you are

ready to serve. The best part about this recipe is that you can change the flavor to whatever you like. If you prefer honey hot wings, marinate your wings with fresh honey and your favorite hot sauce instead. Just like the potato chips from last month, the flavor possibilities are endless. Make sure you check out my Facebook page, "All Around Pennsauken Food Adventures" and feel free to share pictures of your latest food conquest. Bon appétit and enjoy your Food Adventures!





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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director, Department of Public Works

In the event that Pennsauken residents were not affected enough by COVID-19 and the safety precautions that have been put in place, Mother Nature decided to pay our town a visit on June 3. Boy was she mad! This supercell storm produced winds clocking in up to 80 mph, causing significant damage in the Philadelphia region. Learning of the potential hazards associated with this storm, we ceased all Public Works operations about an hour in advance and braced for impact; not

# Recapping Our June 3 Storm Response And Yard Debris

knowing that the next two weeks would responsible for its clean-up and repair. be needed for cleanup.

I've noticed that these violent storms seem to occur more regularly; and there is a need to help Pennsauken residents understand how Public Works is allowed to assist in clean-up efforts during and following a storm. In any event, if your property - your house, car, shed, etc. sustains damage as a result of a storm uprooting a tree, regardless of who owns the tree, you should contact your homeowner's insurance company and file a claim. During each storm, we provide an unfortunate education to residents who believe that the downed tree's owner is

Here's some information on how the Department of Public Works helps:

### **Yard Debris Collection**

We ask that residents with only a fallen branch or two to clean up utilize the normal yard debris collection on Wednesdays. This helps our staff focus on the large debris piles and lets South Jersev Sanitation handle some of the work during their contractual obligations. As a reminder, branches and twigs that can be cut or snapped into smaller pieces can be placed in a trash can (not recycling bucket) for collection. There's no need to bundle them if you only have a small amount. Bundling may take more time if you have a medium amount of debris, but you can be sure that it will be gone

by Wednesday with this regularly scheduled collection.

### **Drag Downed Branches Curbside**

A majority of cases with minor storm debris will leave downed trees and branches that do not cause damage to properties, but leave behind a significant amount of tree and brush debris that the average homeowner cannot "bundle and tie" per our Wednesday yard debris collection guidelines. In these instances. homeowners performing this cleanup within a couple days of the storm can drag the debris to the curb and contact the Department of Public Works office to be placed on the storm cleanup list. Depending on the severity and quantity of these calls, we will use the following weeks to collect from the street. This service will always occur after all streets and Township properties are cleared. We forgo some of our normal responsibilities to assign grass cutters to help residents in these instances. My economics classes call this an "opportunity cost," where we must give up one thing to get another thing we previously did not have. In this case, it's a service we do not perform daily and allocate staff resources to the greater need. Thank goodness these storms only come a few times

Here are some scenarios that occur during these times for future reference:

If a tree is blocking the roadway and no power wires are down, Public Works' tree crew will clear the street. We are typically notified by county police/fire dispatch, resulting from a call from residents after an officer responds to the scene and reports back. This occurs 24/7 and we will respond to ensure the road is passable to emergency responders. The only exception to this is a tree that falls on a state highway.

If a tree is blocking the roadway and power wires are down or within 15 feet of the tree, Pennsauken's Department of Public Works cannot safely cut and remove the tree. Due to the extreme electrical shock/electrocution hazard that is potentially present, our staff is not permitted to perform this work. In these instances, the police notify PSE&G to respond, along with their contracted and trained tree crew to cut up the tree with PSE&G staff on site to ensure electrical safety. This can take time, sometimes days, depending on the extent of outages and PSE&G's availability. It's an unpleasant bit of news to have to deliver to residents, but no life is worth endangering when the proper procedures can perform the work safely. Sometimes, PSE&G will cut the tree, restore power and leave behind the tree debris. As this sometimes occurs on nights or weekends, they usually do not inform us of the debris left behind and residents get upset with Public Works. We ask for affected residents to notify our office and we will respond appropriately.

If a tree has fallen on your property, regardless of downed wires or not, Pennsauken's Department of Pubic Works tree crew will not remove the tree from your home. This is regardless of where the tree originated from. You would need to contact your insurance carrier and/or tree contractor to remove it. If you have someone cut up the tree and get it to the curb, Public Works can make collection of the debris at that point.

These storms often remind homeowners to perform some tree work that continued on page 25

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As Independence Day, July 4, falls on a Saturday, there are no "trash holidays" this month. Trash and recycling collection, as well as yard waste and white goods pickup, occur as normal.

Camden County has suspended all special household hazardous waste and electronics collections, as well as residential paper shredding events, until further notice.

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# Pennsauken Takes Stand Against Racism With March And Vigil continued from page 10

being divided. We have to be united as a people. If we do that, we'll finally live up to our pledge as a country: to be one nation, one people, under a holy God, indivisible and inseparable with liberty and justice for all people."

Hundreds marched down Westfield Ave., a sea of people holding signs and banners, chanting slogans calling for change. The peaceful protestors then made their way to the Community Recreation Complex. The Township set up its stage so that the organizers could have their message heard. The first speaker was Keturah Jones, who stressed the importance of fighting the ignorance that leads to racial prejudice.

"There can't be any unity until we acknowledge the injustices occurring every day. You can't tell me you don't see color, that doesn't do anything. You have to see my color," spoke Jones. "True reform starts here in this community. We need to educate ourselves and others on these topics and combat this ignorance. We have to stop being comfortable. Complacency will change nothing.

"It is not enough to not be racist. You have to be anti-racist. You have to sign petitions; you have to make calls, to be vocal. There will always be people who will try to silence us. But we have to fight and keep pushing."

"Racism has run rampant in this

country since 1619. We can't choose to ignore it. We must turn this reality into a distant memory," added fellow organizer Aigner Settles. "And how do we do that? By simply starting a conversation. Will these conversations be uncomfortable? Yes. But without those conversations, it will be impossible to eliminate the disease of racism. Everyone needs to use their voice in this issue. Racism is no longer a black issue; it is a human issue and everyone must come together. Words without actions are meaningless. Do not let your activism end here. We cannot let our voices go silent."

Thomas Dyer, a graduate of PHS and current political science student at Temple University in Philadelphia, spoke about his list, "Things I cannot do while black." "I can't drive while black. I can't be stopped by an officer and reach for my license and registration while black. I can't enter my own apartment complex without someone asking, 'do I live here?' while black. I can't swim in my own pool while black. I can't take a morning jog while black. I can't have a barbeque or a gathering without having the cops being called on me while black. And now, I can't even breathe while black," said Dyer. "Let's change this country, so that our future sons and daughters won't have to fear walking down the street. So they don't have to fear when the police

pull them over. Let's change this country to the point where upcoming generations don't even know what a racial slur is. Let's change this country so that the so-called 'Land of the Free and Home of the Brave' actually has meaning."

Satta Massaquoi, another PHS student, recited an original poem, which spoke to the generational aspects of racism, and how it's being fought against.

"At our core, we are people aching to be seen, to be heard, to be part of the conversation," said Massaqui. "We kneel, we march, we protest. We've proven that we can't be silenced. Our human rights are not your politics."

Several officers from the Pennsauken Township Police Department participated in the march, with Police Chief John Nettleton addressing the crowd, expressing his disgust for the behavior that lead to George Floyd's death.

"The tragic events that occurred on May 25, 2020 to George Floyd at the hands of the officers in Minnesota were beyond disturbing. I hate to even refer to them as officers. We, the members of the Pennsauken Police Department, are hurting with you," said Nettleton. "We hear you and I think it's important that the residents of Pennsauken Township hear the chief of police say that Black Lives Matter to the Pennsauken Police Department."

A candlelight vigil followed, with a mo-

ment of silence that lasted for eight minutes, 46 seconds, in honor of George Floyd's memory. The silence was significant and was in stark contrast to the chants that echoed out during the march down Westfield Ave. Families and friends; teachers and students; police officers and public officials, all bent on one knee and made a real statement that racism and hate were not welcome in Pennsauken.

In closing, Mayor Killion echoed the sentiments shared by all those in attendance: that we all must be the change that stops racism.

"We can do better, we should do bet-

ter, we must do better. When we talk about 'Sauken in Solidarity' and 'One Pennsauken,' this is what it's all about. It's working together, it's talking with each other, it's dealing with hard realities, it's understanding others. It's being caring and compassionate for others. It's supporting and standing up when something isn't right," said Killion. "We came together, because we care. We came together, because we want change. We came together, because Black Lives Matter. We are friends, we are neighbors, we are one Pennsauken."

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# PHS Holds Virtual Graduation, With In-Person Ceremonies To Come

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school halls quickly changed to a journey that no other student has had to previously endure. You were the first group of students in Pennsauken history to complete your senior year outside of the classroom," said Board Member Orlando Rivera during his online remarks. "You each had the responsibilities of doing your required assignments in order to achieve your good grades and obtain your diploma. Furthermore, you did not allow this pandemic to affect your ability to prosper. While you could have let the noise distract you and take away your motivation and drive to complete your school year, you instead decided to take the initiative to wake up every school day, to work hard, and complete your assignments. It takes discipline and sacrifice to finish the school year the way you did. Moreover, you should take pride in your hard work and efforts, because you took the initiative and had ingenuity to be where you are today. I know that same willpower will continue as you all move forward to future aspirations."

"As graduating seniors, I'm sure you've spent the last three months thinking about your situation and your future," added Pennsauken High School Principal Richard Bonkowski. "Many of you are on your way to college, trade school, the Armed Services or the workforce. Go there with a positive attitude and truly believe that you all have the ability to make a difference in this world."

In her address to her fellow students, Class of 2020 Valedictorian Rebecca Stallard recounted stories about the teachers and friends she encountered during her four years of high school that helped her become into the confident young woman she is today. Rebecca encouraged graduates to seek out and embrace the special people in their lives.

"Find the people in life who inspire you; the ones who will guide you and the ones who will love you," said Stallard. "If you find them and cherish them every day, then the world will never give you a challenge you can't handle."

# In-Person Graduations For The Class Of 2020

In adherence with Governor Murphy's announcement in May, Pennsauken High School has also planned in-person, outside graduation ceremonies, beginning July 13.

Graduates are asked to be on the high school campus by 5:45 p.m. Gates open at 6:15 p.m. and the ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. Students' assigned date for inperson graduation letter and corresponding two tickets were mailed at the end of June. Tickets are mandatory for guests.

- Monday, July 13: All Honor Society and Student Government Students
- Tuesday, July 14: Students with last names A-HE
- Wednesday, July 15: Students with the last names HI-RE
- Thursday, July 16: Students with the last names RI-W

Diplomas will be given during the inperson ceremonies.

For a list of the Class of 2020, visit page 13 of this edition.

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# **CCTS Campuses Named National Schools Of Character**

Character.org recently announced that the Gloucester Township and Pennsauken campuses of Camden County Technical Schools (CCTS) were named as 2020 National Schools of Character. They are among only 84 schools and seven districts from 15 different states to receive this prestigious distinction, and earn the right to use the National School of Character name and logo for five years, 2020–2025.

Character.org is a nonprofit organiza-

tion based out of Washington, DC, that advocates for the advancement of character development in communities. schools and workplaces.

"It is a great honor for both of our schools to be named 2020 National Schools of Character," said Pat Fitzgerald, superintendent of CCTS. "Employers who hire our career-trained students consistently comment that they are very pleased with their positive attitudes and their strong work ethic. Thanks to the OME OF THE GAZO

daily implementation of character education and reinforcement of core values by the staff, our students learn that good character is an important part of being successful in school, work, college, and life. I was proud when both schools were designated as New Jersey Schools of Character, and it is very exciting that they are also receiving national recognition for what they are doing."

"We are very proud of the dedicated employees and outstanding students of the Camden County Technical Schools." said Freeholder Carmen Rodriguez, liaison to CCTS. "They continually demonstrate their use of character development to improve academics, positively impact student behavior and enhance the overall climate."

"The students and staff at the Pennsauken Campus of CCTS embody our core values of Respect, Responsibility, and Service Learning," said John Hourani, Ed.D., interim principal of the Pennsauken Campus. "One example is in the way our students and staff find fulfillment in serving community members who are in need by volunteering at a local soup kitchen. This school is truly deserving of this award."

"Focusing on the Warrior Way, a set of

core values established by the School of Character Committee, has continued to transform the daily interactions of our staff and students," said Wanda Pichardo, principal of the Gloucester Township Campus of CCTS. "They see the Warrior Way values posted on the walls of the hallways, classrooms, cafeterias, and other common areas, and it is included on every school meeting agenda, the student handbook, and student identification cards. Students can easily recite: Respect, Perseverance, Citizenship, Integrity, and Innovation as the Warrior Way because of the effort of the School of Character Committee to ingrain it into their daily lives and school culture."

"We are pleased to announce and celebrate the schools and school districts who have earned this national recognition," said Dr. Arthur Schwartz, President of Character.org. "Each of these schools and school districts has put in place a comprehensive approach to help their students understand, care about, and consistently practice the core values that will enable them to flourish in school, in relationships, in the workplace, and as citizens."

Since its inception, the National Schools of Character program has impacted nearly 3 million students, staff, parents, and community members. The schools and school districts who apply must meet the rigorous standards articulated in Character.org's 11 Principles Framework for Schools. Each school is evaluated by a team of trained educators and includes a site visit to assess how a school's "shared values" are motivating students to do the right thing.

"These schools and school districts serve as exemplary models for all schools and districts across the nation." adds Lori Soifer, who directs the Schools of Character program. "The educators at these schools are inspiring their students to treat all people with respect and dignity. They are teaching their students to be honest and trustworthy, to contribute their time and talents to the common good, and when necessary, to show the courage to stand up for what is right."

Character.org will honor the 2020 National Schools of Character during its next National Forum. To learn more about the schools and school districts being certified, please visit www.character.org/ schools-of- character.

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, the 2020 New Jersey General Election has been moved to

a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

have their ballot RETURNED by July 7.

Below is a list of polling locations for the July 7 Primary Election. Please note that many locations have changed/combined. Significant steps will be taken to ensure social distancing and a safe voting process for participants. Should residents have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 x122 or x124.

## **Polling Location**

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By Pam Forman, Township Clerk

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# **Camden County NAACP Holds** Virtual Events

The Camden County Branch of the NAACP is hosting virtual events this month to spur on important discussions of race and equality.

The Pen to Power Summer Reading Series begins Tuesday, July 7 and runs through Tuesday, Aug. 25 via Google Meet. They are also hosting a Summer Film Fest, which begins on Friday, July 10 and runs every Friday in both July and August.

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.

For details about these upcoming events or to learn more about the NAACP, visit www.ccnjnaacp.org/events.

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# **GOINGGREEN** An Alternative Approach to Meal Planning

By Kathleen Harvey. AAP Columnist

The coronavirus hasn't quite released its hold on the world. Social distancing and wearing masks in stores are a must as they open to customers. The supply chain is getting better, but hasn't caught up with demand, so things aren't consistently available when we want them. I was chatting with a friend last week who was lamenting that she plans meals for her family, develops a shopping list based on the meal plan, and then heads to the grocery store. But what to do when the grocery store is out of an ingredient? Go hunt it down at another grocery store? I suggested a completely different approach to meal planning.

Weekly circulars for local grocery stores arrive at homes each Friday. I pull the ad for my usual grocery store and circle the things that are needed, especially the items that are on sale, which are referred to in the industry as "loss leaders," items that are designed to catch your attention and get you into the store, where you will hopefully purchase many other items at higher profit margins. If a loss leader is something I actually use, I try to bring at least one of it home, often stocking up to the maximum limit of four per sales item.

Now comes the tricky part, what's

for dinner?

First, start with something to build the meal around, whether it's meat, pasta, noodles, or vegetables. I enjoying eating meals with meat, fruit, and vegetables enhanced with herbs and spices; that makes food taste more enticing to me and enables me to cut way down on salt and sugar. Rummaging around the freezer, a meat is selected, be it chicken. pork, sausage, turkey or beef. Next, see what's available in the freezer or pantry to accompany the central item. Initially. it can be a bit of a challenge to figure out what flavors go together, but the internet is available to help. For example: "Hey Google, show recipes for chicken and zucchini." The meal plans of yesteryear generally recommended portions of meat, vegetables, and starch for a well balanced meal. For those who aren't creative chefs, start there. Gradually learn what flavors go together, whether in a crock pot, casserole dish, stir fry, or cooked separately on a grill or range. Eventually, you will begin to notice the different textures, mouth feel, and taste of the different forms of meal preparation. Fish is marvelous wrapped in aluminum foil, sprinkled with lemon, butter, garlic, and salt and put on the grill along with roasted asparagus, peppers, or the vegetables of your choice.

This approach to meal planning is also a way to alleviate boredom for your taste buds. Lately, many people have been complaining that they are tired of eating

the same thing, as take out choices are still somewhat limited. Experiment with food ingredients, methods of food preparation, herbs and spices used by

different cultures than what you are accustomed to. Maybe there's a budding chef in your house just waiting to be dis-



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# **Should I Still Fill Out My Census Form?**

Information provided by the State of New Jersey

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Results from the 2020 Census will also be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of

Please take a moment, go online to my2020census.gov and make sure you are counted in the Census. It's quick and easy. The 2020 Census questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete. It's safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected. NOTE: The deadline to complete your census form has been moved from July 31 to October 31.

For more information about the Census and how to respond, visit https://2020census.gov/en/waysto-respond.html.

# **Recapping Our June 3 Storm Response**

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they have been pushing off. You may recall several annual notices I've written about in All Around Pennsauken, providing a warning about tree contractors that solicit your homes door-to-door and offer work for "cash." This is a buver-beware situation, as some known amateurs have unmarked trucks with questionable employees. "Tree World" and "Rose

Land" are two of the names of these uninsured and unregistered companies that have affected Pennsauken residents. Ironically, both names are used by the same "owner." If the deal is too good to be true, it probably is.

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# **High School Students Discuss Race Issues With Pennsauken Police**



Members of the Pennsauken Township Police Department had an open and honest dialogue with student-athletes from Pennsauken High School about race and community policing.

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Following George Floyd's tragic death, members of the Pennsauken Township Police Department sat down with student-athletes from Pennsauken High School.

"Coach Clinton Tabb and I were talking for a while to get Charles Brewer to come out and work with the boys track team. He graduated from Pennsauken High School. He ran track for us, played football for us, now he's a police officer with the Township," explained Billy Snyder, head of student services for the Pennsauken School District. "Obviously with COVID-19, he couldn't come out and work out. And now, in light of George Floyd and everything going on in the country, it's the perfect opportunity to get Charles and some of our student athletes together.

"We talked to our superintendent, Dr. Tarchichi, and Chief Nettleton. Everybody thought it was a good idea to just have pizza with the police to start a conversation; let the kids talk, maybe listen a little bit. I want them to share a little bit more on how they're feeling. Sometimes, they just don't get to express themselves. And it's a time they need to be heard."

"The goal was to bridge the gap from what the kids may think about the police, versus what we do, our impact, what we really want the community to see from us, and get feedback from them. We want to listen to the concerns that they have with the police or the Pennsauken Police Department and address them," said Brewer.

Over slices of pizza, these young people had an open and honest dialogue with Officer Brewer, Officer Linnette Ramos, Officer Lexus Matos, and Captain James Hartnett, all of whom grew up in town, about issues of race and how they can work together to foster an environment of trust and respect within

the community.

"We do want to hear your opinion of the Township, your opinion of us. We want to build trust in the community," said Pennsauken Township Police Chief John Nettleton, who addressed the students prior to the day's discussion. "We didn't prepare anything. We want our officers to speak from the heart."

The conversation was highly productive; students listened intently to the of-

ficers and asked a variety of poignant questions. It was a dialogue worth having – and continuing.

"At the end of the day, they're kids. They're going to be the future," added Brewer. "If there's something that needs to be addressed, or something that they don't understand, that's our job to make sure that we communicate that effectively. We can try and stop the cycle of miscommunication with the public."

# FRIENDS of the LIBRARY Poetry Contest Winner Earns First Place In State Competition

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library

Judges from the Friends Poetry Contest submitted a poem written by Gervin Nunez, one of our winners from 2019, to the Merchantville Woman's Club for their creative writing contest. His work, "The Colorful World," was recently announced as the first place winner by the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs in the poetry category! Gervin is currently in the third grade at the Carson School. Congratulations and keep writing!

### **Chair Yoga To Resume Next Month**

While things are still not quite back to "normal," we're slowly getting there; so much so that we plan to resume our chair yoga sessions in August. We haven't settled on dates yet, but will let you know next month. Chair yoga is a perfect way to inch back into our routines. The exercises are slow, methodical, and calming. And maintaining six feet of social distancing among all participants is actually preferred, so everyone has plenty of room to stretch.

The Friends will be holding the sessions at the Temple Lutheran Church, right across the street from the Pennsauken Free Public Library, and the fee per session will be \$5. Check this column next month for more information and possible additional events.

Thank you for your support and please continue to stay safe.



### **PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Holy Spirit, You who make me see everything and who shows me the way to reach my ideas. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget from all that is done to me and You who are all the instincts of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue wish to Thank You for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great materials desires may be. I want to be You and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. AMEN.

Thank You for Your love towards me and my loved ones. Pray this prayer for three consecutive days without asking for your wish. After the third day, your wish will be granted. Promise to publish dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted.

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# No Increase In Municipal Taxes For Eighth Straight Year continued from page 1

to 20 new police officers, two new firefighters, as well as one full-time EMT. There are also several capital improvements planned for 2020, including the purchase of eight new police cars; a new ambulance for Pennsauken's EMS; the refurbishment of the fire department's mobile breathing air unit; and three new support vehicles for the Department of Public Works. In addition, the Township is renovating Pennsauken Fire Department's Station 2; purchasing tablet computers and a new server for the Building and Housing Department; and is undertaking the digital conversion of vital municipal records.

Pennsauken continues to make a commitment to improve and repair its infrastructure. The Township will be rehabilitating sections of eight highways throughout the municipality. Included in this work are improvements to help with safety, better drainage, and more accessibility. Handicap ramps will be updated; storm inlets retrofitted; and failed pavement will be milled and filled on several roads. And extra dollars will go towards supplementing municipal aid grant projects on John Tipton Blvd. from the South Jersey Food Bank to River Rd., as well as on Camden Ave.. from Marlon Ave. to its end. This will allow these projects to be completed sooner and with a better economy of scale; and will give the Township an opportunity to utilize future grant money for new projects.

Other factors helped the Township maintain the level of local taxes. For the seventh straight year, Pennsauken had a tax collection rate in excess of 97 percent,

coming in at an all-time high of 97.5 percent in 2019.

"Our tax collection rate plays a big role in how we keep the municipal portion of property taxes down," said Killion. "Our tax office, run by Danielle Lippincott, Pat Huerta, and Kathie Kilroy, do a great job. We also can't give enough credit to Ron Crane, our chief financial officer, and John Dymond, our assessor, who play very important roles in this process."

The Township's Economic Development Department, run by Terry Carr and Larry Cardwell, has again secured additional businesses to move into Pennsauken. New businesses coming into town help to increase tax ratables, which offset increasing municipal costs. Another important factor is the fees and permits collected through the town's highly-successful Abandoned and Vacant Property Initiative.

The services that Pennsauken Town-

ship provides its residents and businesses would not be possible without local property taxes. These taxes make up the largest revenue source in the municipal budget.

"Every year, our goal is to create a balanced municipal budget that maintains our services, while being completely fair to our taxpayers," explained Killion. "For the eighth year in a row, we've succeeded on not increasing municipal taxes. We will continue to do what we can to serve our residents responsibly."





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- Applications are currently available for **weekday** pick-up from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at The Diocesan Housing Services Corporation, 1845 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103.
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# PENNSAUKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Your dedicated Pennsauken Free Public Library staff is looking forward to providing the community with an allvirtual Summer Reading Program! We have designed all programs to be as accessible and fun as possible for all participants, while also ensuring that we protect the health and safety of the entire community of patrons and Library

Summer Reading 2020 will kick off on Monday, July 6, and run through Friday, Aug. 14. Participants of all ages can join in the fun anytime. Call the Library at (856) 665-5959 to enroll. We'll also post participation information on our Facebook Page, at https://facebook.com/ pennsaukenlibrary. Happy reading!

### Curbside Drop Off/Pick Up Of Library Materials

Patrons may begin returning checkedout items to the Community Room's outside door Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is the door that's closest to Rt. 130. For your safety and ours, there will be a

# **Virtual Summer Reading Program Begins This Month**

seven-day quarantine for all returned materials; no overdue fees will result from this waiting period.

Starting July 6, patrons may request materials over the phone and via the Library's online catalog to be picked up at the main entrance. When items are available for pick up, the Library will call patrons with an appointment time. You will need an ID or your library card in order to receive your items. Please note, in order to drop off or pick up items, you must be wearing a mask. The Pennsauken Free Public Library reserves the right to refuse service to those patrons who are not wearing a mask.

Staff will also be on site to answer patron questions over the phone at (856) 665-5959 x3, and via e-mail at askalibrarian@pennsaukenlibrary.org; as well as to process items. The building, including public computer access, will continue to be closed to the public until further notice. No printing or notary services are available at this time.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

# **July Virtual Library Events**

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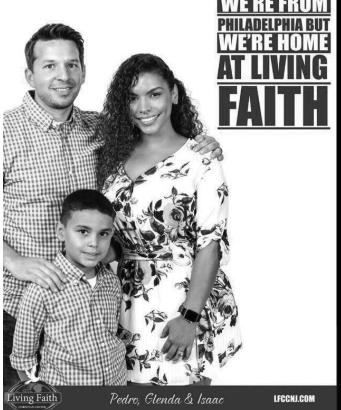
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- Mlanjeni's Magical Theater: The Wizard's Wand - Monday, July 6; 11:00 a.m. For children of all ages. Magic, comedy, puppets, music and more are blended in this mesmerizing storytelling spectacle! Advanced registration is required, with a limit of 40 "attendees." This virtual program will be presented live via Zoom.
- Family Read Aloud Tuesdays, July 7. 14.21, & 28:6:00 p.m. For families with upper-elementary aged children. Join us for "Family Read Aloud" with Youth Services Librarian Heather Kristian. We invite families to come and hear stories together all about tall tales and other folklore. This virtual program will be available via Facebook, YouTube, and Pennsauken TV.
- Fairytale Kitchen Tuesdays, July 7 & 21; 11:00 a.m. For children of all ages. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina as we bring a fairytale to life with simple recipes that you can follow along with at home! Advance registration is required to pick-up a fairytale kitchen ingredient kit; each program requires separate registration. All patrons are welcome to watch the video and follow along at home with their own supplies.

This virtual program will be available on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Pennsauken TV.

- Crafting Imagination Tuesdays, July 14 & 28; 11:00 a.m. For children of all ages, Join Youth Services Librarian Heather for crafting inspired by this year's summer reading theme: Imagine Your Story! Crafts will be simple enough for school-aged children to complete, and be made with common household materials. No advance registration is required.
- Tiempo para un Cuento Time for a Story-Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29; 5:00 p.m. For families with young children. Librarian Maira Diaz, will read tales from long ago and far away, in English and Spanish, for children of all ages. Bibliotecaria Maira Díaz, leerá cuentos de hace mucho tiempo y de muy lejos, en inglés y en español, para niños de todas las edades. These storytimes will be virtually presented on Facebook, Pennsauken TV, and YouTube. No registration will be needed.
- The Science of Sound: Electric Violinist Caryn Lin – Thursday, July 9; 6:00 p.m. For all ages. The Science of Sound is a live streaming, multimedia, interactive S.T.E.A.M. extravaganza with violinist and education innovator Caryn Lin. No advance registration is required. This program will be presented live via Zoom.
- "Imagine Your Story" Writing Workshop - Saturdays, July 11, 18, & 25 and Aug. 1; 10:00 a.m. For adults. Join writing coach and author Patricia Middleton this summer for a four-week writing class for adults via Zoom! Advanced registration is required. This virtual program will be presented live via Zoom.
- Fairytale Storytime Mondays, July 13 & 27;11:00 a.m. For children of all ages. Join Miss Susan and Miss Sabrina to unlock your imagination and bring your favorite fairy tales to life! No advance registration is required for this program. This virtual program will be available on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Pennsauken TV.
- Magical Movement Sunday, July 19: noon. Ages 2-5. Join Miss Sabrina for a fairytale-inspired creative movement class where coordination, rhythm, & translating music to movement are introduced in imaginative ways. No advance registration is required for this

- program. This virtual program will be available on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Pennsauken TV.
- Chicken Storytime Monday, July 20; 11:00 a.m. For children of all ages. Gwenne Baile and her certified therapy chickens will be joining us for a special summer storytime! No advance registration is required for this program. This virtual program will be available on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Pennsauken TV.
- Imagination Dance Monday, July 27; 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Ages 2-5. Presented by Standing Ovation Theatre Company. Advanced registration is required. This virtual program will be presented live via Zoom.
- Musical Theatre Fun Monday, July 27;5:30-6:30 p.m. Ages 6-10. Presented by locally-based Standing Ovation Theatre Company. Advanced registration is required. This virtual program will be presented live via Zoom.
- Ask-A-Librarian Live Online Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., & Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. All ages. Have a question? Connect one-on-one with a Librarian! Advanced registration is required. This virtual program will be presented live via Zoom.
- Virtual Summer Maker Lab Friday, July 24; Drop-in from 11:00 a.m. to noon. A free online program that encourages making and hands-on learning at home for children of all ages. Makers will be given kits to complete a design challenge. The Makers Kit will include all the materials and instructions your child would need to complete his or her project at home. The Drop-in Maker Hour allows participants to showcase their projects. There will also be time for Q & A and a project demo from the Maker Lab Instructors. Advance registration is required. Parents can call in or register online. Kits can be picked up at the Library before July 19, during the Library's reopening hours.
- Stuff a Magical Dragon Thursday, July 30; 11:00 a.m. For children of all ages. Children are invited to follow along with simple instructions to create their very own stuffed dragon! Materials will be provided. Advance registration is required. Kits will need to be picked up in-person at the Library prior to the event. This virtual program will be available on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Pennsauken TV.



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# PHS Alum Wesley Named Executive VP Of Knicks

William "Wes" Wesley, a member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 1983, was announced last month as Executive Vice President - Senior Basketball Advisor for the New York Knicks.

"We are very excited to announce the hiring of William Wesley, someone that I have known for over 40 years and consider to be family." Knicks President Leon Rose said. "He is one of the most well-connected and respected people in the basketball community and he will be a tremendous asset and resource to both myself and the New York Knicks."

"My long history with and respect for Jim Dolan and Leon Rose, as well as the chance to be part of the New York



William "Wes" Wesley

Knicks, made this an opportunity I wanted to pursue," said Wesley, who played basketball for PHS. "I look forward to joining the current staff and moving the organization toward a successful future."

A former consultant for Creative Artists Agency, "World Wide Wes" is noted for his relationships with numerous high-profile NBA players and team owners, college basketball head coaches and their agents.

# PYAA Football **And Cheerleading** Registration

The Pennsauken Youth Athletic Association is hosting registration for football and cheerleading at their turf football complex, located at 4250 Burwood Rd. Registration will be held at the following times:

- July: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to
- August: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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# **PYAA Soccer Kicks Off Practice**



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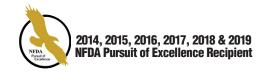
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